

Subject: Brazilian coinage-- Offers to sell.

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New York, N.Y., Nov. 9th, 1931.
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The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

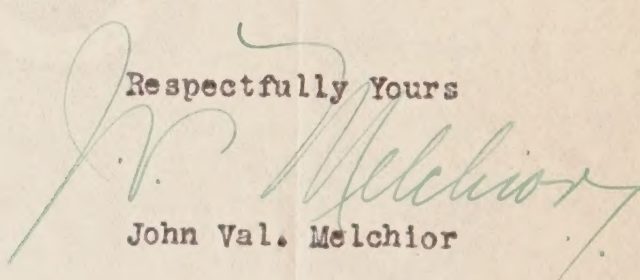
Gentlemen :

I want to sell a gold and silver coin-collection of Brasil consisting of 1304 pieces which contains almost every coin that was coined during the period from 1628 to 1848. Being an antique collection it has more than 4 lbs. of gold alone. It stands to reason that I have a list showing when each coin was coined, and the names of the rulers under whom they had been put into circulation.

Herewith I am taking the liberty in asking you whether you are interested in that collection or if you could furnish me with addresses of people who probably might be. I want to state that this collection is the only one that has the right to be called 'complete'.

Hoping to have your reply soon, I remain,

Respectfully Yours


John Val. Melchior

November 11, 1931.

Mr. John Val. Melchior
311 West 85th Street
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred to us for reply. Brazilian coins are little collected in this country and unfortunately at this time there is no demand for such coins, especially as the two real collectors of South American coins have been hard hit and are trying to sell out their collections. It would be almost impossible anyway to sell the collection as a whole. About the only way to sell it, and then not now, would be by auction sale. Do you have this collection in this country?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

New York, N.Y., Feb. 16, 1932.
311 W 85 St.

American Numismatic Society
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of Feb. 3 and to my telephone conversation I have had with you last Saturday I beg to enclose a list of details of the Brazilian Coin-Collection.

As you informed me that you have to see what is in the Collection first, before you give me addresses of buyers, I kindly ask you to check up the list and return it to me.

I hope to hear from you soon, and remain

yours truly
John Val. Melchior

February 18, 1932.

Mr. John Val Melchior
311 West 85th Street
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 16th at hand and as we stated to your in our letter of November 11th of last year, we do not know how or where you can dispose of the collection of Brazilian coins except by auction sale. You might show the list to Mr. Wayte Raymond 465 Park Avenue, New York, although I think he would not feel disposed to want it at this time. You might also consult Mr. J. Schulman Keizersgracht 448, Amsterdam, Holland as to whether he thinks the present time is advantageous to dispose of the collection. I am returning your list.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator